

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) An interlabial pad having a substantially planar shape, a longitudinal axis and a lateral axis, comprising:

an absorbent body for absorbing body fluids;

a surface side sheet and a rear surface side sheet enclosing said absorbent body;

a sheet [[body]] portion lapped on the [[said]] rear surface side sheet; [[and]]

bonded sheet portions of the rear surface side sheet provided at the neighborhood of both longitudinal surrounding ends of the interlabial pad;

a pair of unbonded sheet portions located at the rear surface side of the interlabial pad on left and right side edges in the central area of the direction along the longitudinal axis of the interlabial pad;

a pair of fingertip insert openings at the rear surface side of the interlabial pad, the pair of fingertip insert openings being provided along the unbonded sheet portions and symmetrically with respect to the longitudinal axis for pinching the sheet portion; and

a folding guide element along the longitudinal axis provided to form a convex protruding area when the sheet portion is pinched via the pair of fingertip openings

~~a pair of fingertip insert openings having a size such that fingertips of a wearer may be inserted naturally,~~

~~wherein said interlabial pad is of a size which may be held between labia naturally, and has a substantially planar shape having a longitudinal axis and a lateral axis,~~

~~wherein said pair of fingertip insert openings are provided at both side edges of said interlabial pad so as to be symmetrical with respect to said longitudinal axis, and~~

~~wherein said sheet body is attached to have a pair of opened portions on left and right side edge portions substantially parallel to said longitudinal axis, so that said pair of fingertip insert openings are formed by said pair of opened portions.~~

18. **(canceled)**

19. **(currently amended)** An interlabial pad according to claim 17 [[18]], wherein the [[said]] folding guide element is comprised of any of a broken line, a cut line, and a compression line.

20. **(previously presented)** An interlabial pad according to claim 17, wherein a size of the width of the fingertip insert opening is not less than 20mm.

21. **(currently amended)** An interlabial pad according to claim 17, wherein a size of the depth of the [[said]] fingertip insert opening is not less than 15mm.

22. **(currently amended)** An interlabial pad according to claim 17, wherein the [[said]] sheet portion [[body]] has a size not less than 80% in respect of a length size of the lateral direction of the interlabial pad.
23. **(currently amended)** An interlabial pad according to claim 17, wherein the [[said]] sheet portion [[body]] has color, chromaticity and pattern different from those of the opposite side of the interlabial pad to the body side.
24. **(currently amended)** An interlabial pad according to claim any one of claims 17, further comprising a long protruding area along the longitudinal said symmetric axis, wherein in using the pad, each fingertip of two fingers of the wearer is respectively inserted into one opening of the [[said]] pair of fingertip insert openings, thereafter the pad is folded at the longitudinal said symmetric axis to be subject to use in a condition [[that]] in which the [[said]] long protruding area is further projected.
25. **(currently amended)** An interlabial pad according to claim 24, wherein the [[said]] long protruding area is formed by the unbonded sheet portions provided in proximity to longitudinal ends of the interlabial pad and folded along the longitudinal bending said symmetric axis.
26. **(currently amended)** A wrapping body comprising:
an interlabial pad according to claim 17, and

a wrapping container to contain rhe [[said]] interlabial pad,
wherein the interlabial pad is contained such that rhe [[said]] pair of fingertip insert openings
are positioned in proximity to at the neighborhood of an unsealed [[unseal[[portion of rhe [[said]]
wrapping container.

27. (currently amended) A wrapping body comprising:

the interlabial pad according to claim 17 and
a wrapping container to contain said interlabial pad,
wherein rhe [[said]] interlabial pad is folded in a mountain folded shape toward a body side
along the longitudinal said-symmetric axis and is contained in rhe [[said]] wrapping container.

28. (canceled)